

**Priority:** Basic Needs  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating  
**Related Programs:** 50009

**Lead Agency:** County Human Services  
**Program Contact:** John Pearson

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Family Involvement Team (FIT) connects parents entering the family dependency court process with appropriate alcohol and drug treatment as expeditiously as possible. This family centered program has the goal of increasing the rate of family reunification for these families in crisis. FIT further provides case management and wraparound services to enhance the treatment services for the priority population (parents, primarily mothers) to provide every opportunity for reunification of parent and child. FIT is a collaboration of Multnomah County DCHS, DCJ, Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), and the four community based treatment providers serving women and their children.

**Program Description**

The Family Involvement Team (FIT) links directly to the Basic Living Needs Priority that addresses promoting healthy behaviors by assisting parents who have had a child/children removed by the State Department of Human Services for abuse or neglect with drug or alcohol involvement to enter treatment. After entering treatment the Family Involvement Team staff at the treatment agencies provide the family with support services including case management, family therapy, and wrap around services to assist the client to remain in and be successful in treatment. The Family Involvement Team includes a core team housed at the family drug court that works with parents until they reach treatment, and then ongoing team members begin working with the parent once they access treatment. Ongoing services include case management and family therapy at the treatment agency, transportation in the first month of treatment provided by Volunteers of America outreach workers, and a rapid visit between parent and child facilitated by a State Department of Human Services staff person assigned to FIT.

**Program Justification**

A DHS report estimates that in 2002, 1,383 children are the victim of abuse or neglect in Multnomah County. The report stated that drug and/or alcohol abuse was the leading stress factor in families where children have been abused or neglected and that drug and/or alcohol abuse was suspected in 45% of the cases. FIT Core Team staff identified 536 families entering the dependency court with allegations of abuse or neglect with alcohol and/or drugs involved. Of the qualifying families, 56% accepted FIT services. FIT clients are successfully connected to treatment in an average of approximately 13 days compared to the statewide average of 111 days.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	50% Enrollment (Referred families accepting services)	56%	60%	60%	60%
Outcome	Clients referred to treatment enter successfully	79%	79%	79%	79%
Outcome	Time between shelter hearing and entry into treatment less than state average	13	0	12	13

**Performance Measure - Description**

2) Goal of at least 75% of clients referred to treatment entering successfully; (3) Statewide average is 111 days

## Legal/Contractual Obligation

Contractual Obligations: Because Multnomah County accepts the State Mental Health Grant; we are obligated to spend funds in accordance with regulations regarding State Service Elements (i.e. Service Element A-D 60 is Special Projects).

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2006	2006	2007	2007
Contracts	\$0	\$253,390	\$0	\$263,086
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$253,390</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$263,086</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,929
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,999
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21,928</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$253,390</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$285,014</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$253,390</b>		<b>\$285,014</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$253,390	\$0	\$263,086
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,928
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$253,390</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$285,014</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

\$263,086 from State Mental Health Grant Award per 05-07 biennium contract.

## Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25087, Family Involvement Team